Bassford Justifies Tennis Ranking-Sensational Roamer Breaks Leg at Red Bank

New "System" Of U.S.N.L.T.A. Is Explained

Rating of Players Well Received Throughout Country, Says Committee Head

By Fred Hawthorne

anking committee of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, in naming the "first ten" men 1919. Abraham Bassford jr., chairman

According to Mr. Bassford, the rank-

anctioned schedule have a bearing.

old its work well and according to the rullog set down for its guidence, I can only venture the opinion that the "mathematical" system is at fault and that we should either revert to the old sign or down.

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That Guiltiest Feeling

By BRIGGS



nis to win a match at 6-1, 6-1 than to win from the same opponent at, say, Izzy Kaplan Tries Baseball Conway High Scorer at about the same opponent at, say, Will Do His Spring Training on Moist Soil of Cuba

By W. O. McGeehan

"Weil, good night," said Izzy Kaplan as he walked into the sporting department. "I ain't got it the heart to say Heppy New Year, because number of points in open competition (d) Certain values are assigned for various scores. These values are merely to provide a means of comparison. I aim t got it the heart to say Heppy New Year, because number of points in open competition among the members of the Morning-side Athletic Club, of Harlem, for the

leaf in the book. It's going to be a rotten holiday when everywhere it is

shikker and I paid it a lot of money for a table, which I fell underneath

in Cubeb, which is an island entirely surrounded with water and entirely filled with liquor which ain't got no wooden alcohol in it.

"Lock at Wilbert Robinstein, which he is meneger for the Brooklyn team of baseballers. He has got it a big chicken and turkey business in Baltimore. Look at Miller Hugginstein, which he is meneger of the Yankees. He got it a soft chob and he goes traveling all over the country on a big expense account finding out different baseballers and signing

"I saw Chon McGraw before he went back to Cubeb and I asked him about getting a chob meneging the Giants and to get some information about the business. First I asked him, 'Chon, what was it delayed the Giants in the pennant race last year?' He says, 'Izzy, I have been thinking that matter over and I have came to the conclusion that it was because we did not make a whole lot of runs.'

"Right away I got it an ideer, but I didn't say nothing to Chon Me-Graw about it till I should get it the cheb. It was easy enough to fix up that part of the trouble. When I got it the team I should tell to the baseballers that they should make more runs. I wonder why Chon Me-Graw didn't think of it himself, because they say he is a smart felier and plays baseball on the inside, which I don't know what they mean, unless it is that they mean he plays baseball inside the park. I don't see why they should play it outside, because they couldn't collect no admission.

"Chon was kind of discouraging because he told me I was too fat. I told him that it was all right unless I got fat around the head, which I ain't. I am a pretty smart feller, which I admit it on account I am all the time thinking up new ideers.

"I didn't stop with the Giants either. I went to see Jakie Ruppertstein, which he is a good feller and a good friend of mine. 'Jakie,' I said, 'how about a chob meneging the Yankee baseballers next year? I would play nothing but inside baseball, so you should get every dimethat is coming to you. I would guarantee you that we should not play a game outside the park.'

"Jakie was so surprised that he didn't know how he should answer me, so I asked him how it was that the Yankee team of baseballers couldn't beat the Chicago stockyards team and he told me it was because he men didn't hit. So I made up my mind that when I was the meneger of the Yankee baseballers I should told them that they should hit the ball. I am surprised that Miller Huggenstein did not think about that himself. But it is brains that makes the horses go and I got it a lot of

"I couldn't say now which team I should go with, the Yankees or he Giants. It should depend on which team should offer the biggest cellery, and I wouldn't go at all unless I got as much money as Run Home Baker or Baby Ruthstein, because they got it only baseball bats and I got it brains, which is always worth more money, only you can't all the time cash them.

"Of course the main thing is that I should start my spring training so I should be ready to go right to work meneging a team of baseballers. Florida I don't like it, on account they tell me the alligators is pretty fierce there and would come right into a feller's bed and chew his leg off, and I wouldn't like to have it a wooden leg because wooden legs and wooden alcohol is not good for the health.

"Also, I ain't stuck on Texas either, because out there is a lot of tough guys with seven shooters in their belts, which they work for the moving pictures and is always shooting out the lights. Also, the country is full of Mexicaners and wild tomales, and the enchillades out there is pretty savage, too. I think I should go to Cubeb, which is a good, warm place for training; also I got it straight that you could play it a game of place for training; also I got it straight that you could play it a game of pinochle there without the cops should bust in, and the Cubebs is so far behind the times that they don't know how to put the wood in the wooden alcohol."

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Greatest Idol Lost Forever to **American Turf**

Holder of World's Record for Mile May Have Already Been Destroyed

To lovers of thoroughbred racing throughout the country the closing day of 1919 was saddened by a double regret the loss of a great turfman and

gret—the loss of a great turfman and the loss of a great horse. A few hours after the death of Andrew Miller—prominent New York turfman, sportsman, publisher, and steward of the Jockey Club—yesterday his great eight-year-old gelding Roamer, while playing in the fields at the Schultz farm, near Red Bank, N. J., sustained a fracture of the right foreleg. The gelding will have to be destroyed, in all probability, if he has not already been put out of his suffering.

The names of Andrew, Miller and Roamer have been so closely linked throughout the last six seasons that neither could possibly be suggested without bringing to mind the other. Roamer was the star of a pretentous stable owned by Mr. Miller and the especial pet of the deceased horseman. No thoroughbred of the American turf ever earned more laurels in a brilliant racing career than did the eight-year-old son of Knight Errant—Rose Tree 2d. No thoroughbred ever was such an idel on the metropolitan tracks.

During his long and honorable racing career the gallant Roamer wan practice.

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(2) Goals from foul line Frinceton Season on up to the end of 1918 the son of Knight Errant was practically invincible. Roamer had the heart of a lion. He was anything but a preposessing bit of horseflesh; be was un-table. But it was in a trial against

Death of Miller Deals Big Blow To Racing World

HE death of Andrew Miller yesterday saddened the New Year for his host of friends throughout the country and well wishers of the thoroughbred sport generally. For Mr. Miller was not only one of this country's best known sportsmen, but one of the real powers of the Ameri-

As a steward of The Jockey Club or many years he was actively engaged in propagating the sport of kings at the time it most needed friendship and support. In the dark days following the passage of the anti-betting laws, when almost every one had despaired, Mr. Miller threw the whole weight of his influence behind the game, and lived to see his faith in the sport vindicated beyond the wildest dream of hope.

Mr. Miller was financially interested in the Saratoga Racing Association, and it was largely due to his executive ability that the Spa beame the racing mecca of America. His silks from time to time were carried to victory by the most illustrious stars of the turf. Perhaps the mighty Roamer was the best known and most tenderly revered of all Mr. Miller's racing pets, for Roamer remained champion of the older horses until the close of the 1918 season, and even last year, after being supposedly passé, took the measure of Sun Briar.

For many years Mr. Miller camlast season Roamer was the star of his string, which included such good ones as Recount, Snapdragon 2d, Star Shell and Carmelite. Ticket another great stake horse, was sold early last season to Larry Water-

Metropolitan Association 100int champion, returned the feat of scoring the greatest of points in open competition as members of the Morninge mem

Park, raced a mile in 1:354. The best previous time for a mile around turnt was made by Sun Briar at Saratoga on August 6, 1918-1:361-5, under 113 peunds. It was on the twenty-first of the same month that Roamer raced to the world's record. Sun Briar, in a private trial at Saratoga after the close of the race meeting that year, was credited with a performance of 1:34 flat at the weight for the distance, but the trial was not official and was never credited.

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Roamer won only one race in 1919, and, strangely enough, he took the measure of Sun Briar at Aqueduct on that occasion. No American race horse ever received such an ovation as did Roamer as he paraded back to the judges.

judges.
Jack Goldsborough, Roamer's trainer, who is in the city, said late last night that so far as he knew Roamer has not yet been destroyed. The veterinary who is treating the injury fears the worst, but is making every effort to save this idol of the American turf Nothing but sentiment justifies further treatment, as Roamer is a gelding.

Navy Five Rallies Strong, but Bows Before Princeton

outplayed by the Midshipmen in the second. Princeton won at basketba from the Naval Academy here this at termoon, 20 to 18.

The score against the Navy was as bad as 10 to 1 early in the game and the half ended 15 to 7 against them. A rall, at the start of the second period pu-



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